

THE NEW STATE SCHEME

Two Conventions, Neither Well Attended, Were Held at El Paso.

ONE WAS FAVORABLE, THE OTHER AGAINST

The Plan to Carve Off a Piece of Texas in Order to Make a Full Grown State of New Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, March 17.—An unsuccessful effort was made to quell in its incipient movement to carve a new State out of portions of West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The delegation appointed to represent El Paso county and city was composed almost entirely of men who were known to be opposed to the scheme and who could be depended on to fight the project to the last ditch. As soon as the appointments were given out it precipitated a big row in the camp, and Major Bill Fewell published a letter asserting that the mayor and county judge had acted unfairly in selecting delegates and had appointed only two of the many persons who had signed the call for the convention.

Not satisfied with this, Major Fewell and Colonel Bob Campbell quietly arranged a little surprise for the opponents of the scheme, and when the morning trains arrived they were both on hand to meet the out of town delegates and invited them to attend a little private caucus in the custom house at 10 o'clock. Only Presidio county, Texas, and Grant county, New Mexico, sent delegates. Some others forwarded proxies, but they were not produced in time.

The caucus organized with County Judge H. H. Kilpatrick as chairman and J. A. Escobedo of El Paso as secretary, and then a warm discussion followed. The delegates severely denounced the mayor for packing the El Paso delegation with anti-Statehood men, and were undecided whether to attend the general meeting in the afternoon or resolve the caucus into the convention and ignore the other one. The latter step was finally decided upon after a secret session of nearly an hour. It was feared that the caucus would be in the minority at the afternoon session. The call for a convention at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon was declared invalid and the time set forth in the original call (10 o'clock a. m.). It was agreed, was the proper hour for the convention to meet, so the caucus declared itself the convention and decided not to attend the afternoon meeting.

Permanent organization was effected and an executive committee appointed as follows: W. W. Gatewood, H. H. Kilpatrick, W. H. H. Llewellyn, Leigh Clark, G. D. Deter, J. L. Freudenthal, Robert Campbell, Don Kedzie, A. K. Albers, Richard Hughson, Felix Martinez, J. A. Maron, J. W. Fleming, A. B. Fall, A. Krakauer, A. J. Egan, M. W. Stanton.

The executive committee was authorized to select eight other names from other counties and add them to the list. They were empowered to issue an address to call a mass convention and push the new Statehood scheme.

The convention then adjourned. Eleven of the El Paso delegates met at the court house this afternoon and organized, with J. F. Crosby as chairman and Park W. Pittman as secretary. Not a man who attended the morning convention was present and no delegate from out of town. Several speeches were made in opposition to the scheme. Judge Caldwell presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted amid applause:

Be it resolved, That it is neither practicable, expedient, nor desirable to form a new State out of territory detached from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, and that as there is not a full representation from the counties invited to send delegates that this meeting adjourn sine die.

SMALLPOX.

Death in Williamson County. Georgetown, Texas, March 15.—Wayne Mullins, another one of the smallpox patients near Florence, died last night. Mrs. Mullins is very sick and not expected to live long. The place is strictly guarded.

It Wasn't Smallpox.

Denton, Texas, March 15.—Dr. Piner, the county health officer, was called to Little Elm, in the eastern part of the county, yesterday to diagnose a suspicious case of what was feared to be smallpox. He pronounced the case neither contagious. The matter caused considerable excitement in Little Elm for a while.

Twenty-three New Cases at Laredo. Laredo, Texas, March 15.—The work of stamping out the smallpox in this city continues as active today as yesterday.

Five physicians with assistants and police officers are making a house to house inspection, enforcing the compulsory vaccination on all who need it.

The physicians in charge report twenty-

three new cases and three deaths during the past twenty-four hours, all Mexicans except one. State Health Officer Blunt arrived this afternoon. It is generally understood that he has come to take charge of the situation.

Mail to Be Fumigated. Alice, Texas, March 16.—As a precautionary measure against the spreading of smallpox State Health Officer Dr. Blunt has instructed Dr. L. F. Layton of this place to thoroughly fumigate all outgoing mails. The four cases of smallpox are at the residence of Henry Perkins, one mile out of town, and well quarantined and doing well.

No Development at William Penn. To the Editor of The Post.

William Penn, Texas, March 14.—I notice in Monday's Post a local from Brenham saying "Dr. Reeves reports a well developed case of smallpox in William Penn." Please correct this, as I only reported a case of "suspicious" symptoms which, up to this time, has not proved to be one of smallpox. Respectfully, J. W. Reeves.

TWO KILLED AT COLUMBUS.

EX-SHERIFF S. H. REESE AND A BYSTANDER, CHARLES ROEME.

Will Clements and Marion Hope Are in Jail—Trouble Had Been Expected.

Columbus, Texas, March 16.—Since James Coleman was indicted for the murder of Larkin Hope last summer, trouble has been apprehended between Hope's friends and the friends of the sheriff at that time, S. H. Reese. The expected trouble occurred shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon and as a result S. H. Reese is dead, shot through the neck; Charles Roeme is dead, shot accidentally through the upper portion of the body; and a son of S. H. Williams has a flesh wound through the thigh, accidentally.

Will Clements, a deputy of the present sheriff, W. T. Burford, was having an altercation with a man by the name of Scott in front of O. Hamburger's store, when Reese came up. Scott had just told Clements that if he had a gun he would fight him. Reese told Scott that he would fight him a gun. At that time the shooting began. Reports are so conflicting it is impossible to state who fired the first shot or name all the parties who took part. Clements and Marion Hope are in jail. Scott ran and was captured an hour later at Gilden. Fifteen shots were fired.

Roeme was a farmer and was not concerned in the difficulty. Mr. Williams's son is a small boy. Mr. Reese leaves a wife, a married daughter and four other children.

SHORT TEXAS SPECIALS.

ROCK ISLAND.—Rain enough for present needs has fallen.

SAN DIEGO.—A good rain is needed to start the grass growing.

ANDERSON.—The ground is so wet farmers can not finish planting corn.

SAN DIEGO.—A large acreage has been planted in cane and corn; cotton acreage will be the smallest in years.

EL PASO.—John O'Keefe, late lieutenant of immunes, has been nominated for mayor by the republicans.

SMITHVILLE.—The firemen's hall Wednesday night was the scene of the season and was most successful in every particular.

DALLAS.—Miss Annie Wetzel and Mrs. McMillan were held up at an early hour in the evening and robbed of their pocket-books by a negro.

EL PASO.—An exceedingly rich strike is reported as having been made at the Harper mines, near Sonora, Mexico. Texas parties own the property.

WACO.—The directors of the Texas State Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association have decided to hold an exposition in this city from January 3 to 13, 1900.

LAREDO.—A young Mexican woman named Refugia Alvarado was shot and instantly killed by Juan Antonio Flores, a man 30 years of age. The shooting was accidental.

WACO.—Alfred T. Ford, one of the pioneer settlers of McLennan county, was stricken with paralysis Thursday morning, at his home in this city. He is in a critical condition.

DALLAS.—The first quarter of the contentious pool match between J. L. Malone of Dallas and Sam Barnes of Dallas resulted: Malone 125, Barnes 58. The match is for \$250.

BRENNHAM.—The West Texas conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church of the Brenham district is in session at Chappell Hill, Rt. Rev. M. B. Salter, D. D. presiding bishop. There is quite a large attendance of colored preachers at the conference. It will continue three days.

ARANSAS PASS.—The Baptist chapel car "Good Will," in charge of Rev. Town-

send, is here and services are being held twice a day.

BEEVILLE.—A reported case of smallpox proved to be only measles.

ENNIS.—K. S. Fisher will open up a stock of drugs, etc., in the near future.

SHERMAN.—Sis is the name of a new town laid out ten miles west of Durant, I. T.

PARIS.—Great preparations are making for the entertainment of the State firemen's convention, which meets here May 10 to 12.

TENARKANA.—Rev. W. A. Freeman of the First Baptist church has begun a protracted meeting here, to be continued as long as circumstances seem to warrant. Rev. J. C. F. Kyger of Waco, a well known Baptist divine of the State, will assist in the work.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Residence at Greenville. Greenville, Texas, March 16.—The residence of M. T. Good burned this morning; total loss about \$900; insured for \$825.

Big Pasture Burned Over. San Antonio, Texas, March 16.—E. L. Rucker's pasture of 2000 acres near Sherwood was almost totally consumed by fire today.

Residence at Comby. Comby, Texas, March 15.—The residence of Mrs. Mada McKinney, on Green street, was consumed by fire shortly after dark last night. Household goods all saved. Loss on house \$600; insurance \$300.

Barn Near Anderson. Anderson, Texas, March 15.—Emmett Haynie had his barn and contents burned up last night. He places his loss at \$2000. No insurance. He thinks it was set on fire, as it burned just before day.

Residence Near Paris. Paris, Texas, March 16.—The residence of Louis Eudy, near Pattonville, was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening while he was at work and his family were away visiting. All of the household effects were consumed.

Residence at Temple. Temple, Texas, March 16.—The residence of Mr. F. F. Downs, president of the First National bank of Temple, was burned to-night at 9 o'clock. The fire originated in the kitchen and when discovered the room was all ablaze. The family were all at home in the front of the house. Most of the furniture was saved; building a complete loss. Insurance on house \$2500; insurance on household goods \$1500.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Appointed Receiver. Ennis, Texas, March 15.—Mr. K. S. Fisher of this city was yesterday appointed receiver of the bankrupt stock of general merchandise of V. H. Shelton at Waxahatchie. Mr. Fisher has not as yet decided as to what immediate disposition he will make of the goods.

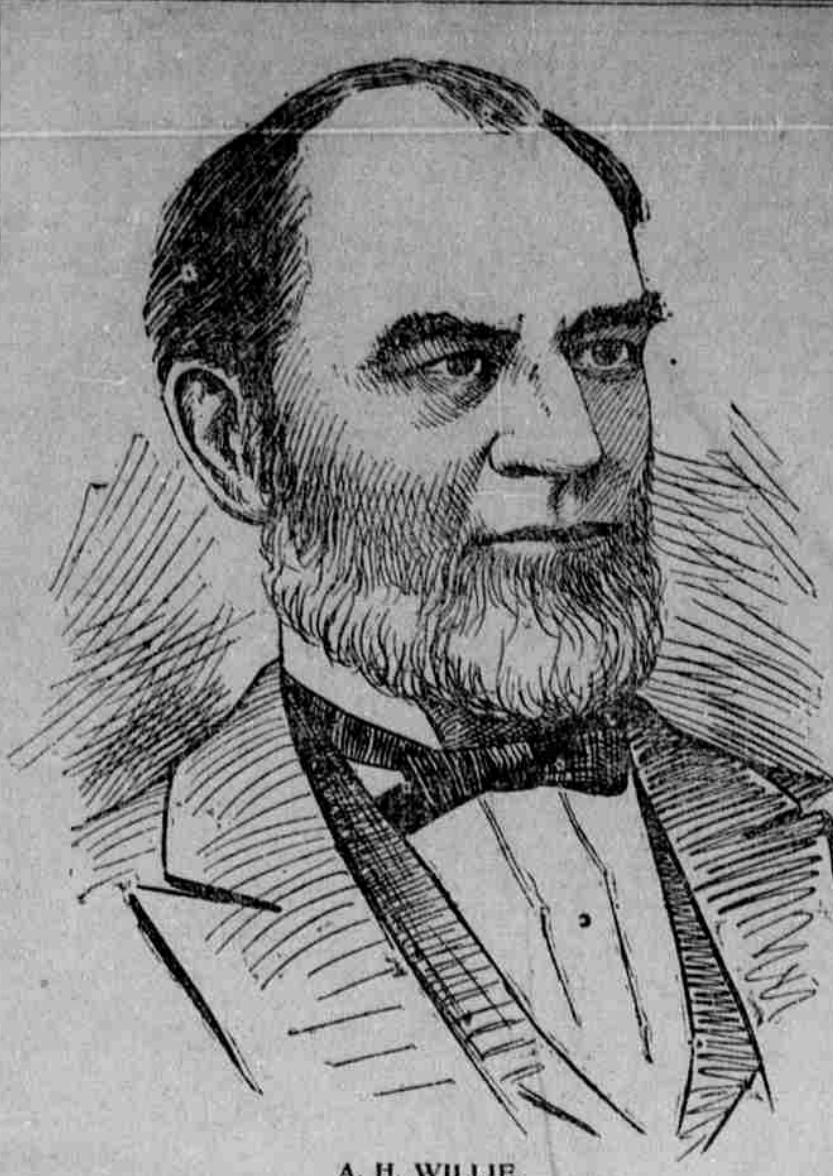
Assignment at Leonard. Bonham, Texas, March 16.—J. D. Albright, doing a general merchandise business at Leonard, made an assignment here today for the benefit of creditors. Assets \$7000.

Visitors to A. and M. College. Bryan, Texas, March 16.—A committee from the legislature, composed of Senators Goss of Baylor county, Grinnan of Brazos, and Representatives Henderson of Brazos, Tarkington of Lavaca, Pfeiffer of Comal, Morris of Montgomery, Lloyd of Ellis, Lake of Harrison, Maxwell of Travis and Chambers of Red River, was here today and visited the Agricultural and Mechanical college. They were highly pleased with the institution and expressed surprise at its magnitude and the work being done there. All of them returned to Austin today except Senators Goss, Grinnan and Representative Tarkington, who will visit the Prairie View normal before returning to their duties.

Heavy Damages Awarded. Texarkana, Texas, March 16.—Yesterday afternoon in the Bowie district court at Boston, Frank Black, colored, was awarded damages to the amount of \$10,000 against the Texas and Pacific Railway company. Black alleges that about eleven years ago a brakeman on a Texas and Pacific passenger train pushed him off the train near the Four C mill, near here, cutting off both his legs.

Sap Officials on a Tour. Cameron, Texas, March 16.—Mr. R. H. Ennis, superintendent of transportation, accompanied by his assistant superintendent, Mr. W. J. Grove, of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad, came to this city in a special car, looking after business of said road. They go from here to Waco.

Rev. Lemay Acquitted. Tyler, Texas, March 16.—The jury in the Rev. Lemay case, who is charged with criminal assault on a young German girl here, returned a verdict of not guilty.



A. H. WILLIE.

Judge A. H. Willie, Sr., distinguished lawyer, jurist and citizen, a brief mention of whose death appeared in The Post this morning, passed away a few minutes before 1 o'clock last night. He had not been sick long, and while he had reached a ripe age, the announcement of his death was a severe shock to his family and friends.

Only a day or two ago Judge Willie was seen down town in apparent good health and his sickness was of short duration.

Mrs. Willie died on December 20 last, and in the double affliction they are forced to bear the family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Judge Willie's funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) morning from his late residence, Fifteenth and Broadway.

The following gentlemen are requested to act as honorary pall bearers: J. H. Hutchings, F. C. Hume, John D. Rogers, Walter Greesham, S. W. Jones, Robert G. Street, William E. Reem, J. Z. H. Scott, George Briggs, Colonel Straight, C. D. Grant, Maco Stewart, J. W. Terry and Walter S. Beadles.

The court of civil appeals adjourned today in memory of the late jurist.

The members of the Galveston bar held a meeting at the court of civil appeals this afternoon for the purpose of making arrangements to attend the funeral of Judge Willie in a body and to take such further action as might seem suitable. Judge Joseph presided and John D. Fearhake acted as secretary. Thomas J. Ballinger, Colonel Mott and E. Charles Hume, acting as a committee, reported highly eulogistic resolutions, which were adopted. Upon recommendation of the committee, the following were appointed to present resolutions of respect to the various State courts: Supreme court—Judges K. S. Gould, John L. Henry and W. P. McLean; court of civil appeals, First district—Messrs. M. F. Mott, M. E. Kleberg and W. T. Armstrong; court of civil appeals, Second district—Messrs. H. M. Wyatt, J. B. Boyd and A. M. Carter; court of civil appeals, Third district—Messrs. W. M. Walton, S. R. Fisher and George F. Penexter; court of civil appeals, Fourth district—Messrs. J. H. Hume, John A. Green and A. W. Houston; court of civil appeals, Fifth district—Messrs. J. M. Hurt, A. T. Watts and M. L. Crawford; Federal court—Messrs. F. Charles Hume, J. Z. H. Scott and R. G. Street.

Asa Hoxie Willie was born in Washington, Wilkes county, Georgia, October 11, 1825. His father was James Willie, a native of Vermont, and his mother bore the maiden name of C. E. Hoxie, and was the daughter of Asa Hoxie, a Massachusetts Quaker, who removed to Savannah, Ga., in the present century. Left fatherless at the age of 4, the early training of Asa H. Willie devolved entirely upon his mother, who, however, by her ample mental endowments, nurtured by his father's law, and self-sacrificing exertion, met the requirements of the situation and gave her son the benefit of the best schools then in reach.

At the age of 16, in February, 1846, he came to Texas and located at Independence, Washington county, where he made his home for a year in the family of his maternal uncle, Dr. Asa Hoxie.

He began the study of law under his brother, James Willie, at Brenham, and in 1849 was admitted to the bar before he had attained the age of 21, by a special act of the legislature. He took up the practice at Brenham in partnership with his brother, and pursued it there until 1857, when he moved to Austin to assist his brother in the discharge of his duties as attorney general of the State and commissioner for codifying the laws of Texas. He remained at Austin about a year, when, in 1858, he moved to Marshall and entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Colonel Alexander Pope, with whom he was associated in the practice, except a period covered by the late war, until 1864. At that time he moved to Galveston, where he continued to reside until his death.

In 1862 Mr. Willie was appointed district attorney for the Third judicial district of Texas, which then comprised the counties of Washington, Burleson, Milam, Bell, McLennan, Falls, Limestone, Freestone, Robertson and Brazos, and held the office for six months under this appointment when he was elected to the same and held it for a term of two years.

In 1861, at the opening of the civil war, he offered himself for service in the Confederate army, and was placed on the staff of General John Gregg, with whom he served until that gallant officer's death, when, after a brief interval, he was assigned to Gen. Anselmo and then to the last eleven months of the war. In 1866 he was elected associate justice of the supreme court of the State for a term of nine years, but at the expiration thereof he was prevented, please with his association, George F. Moore, Edward C. Galt, George W. Smith and S. P. Butler, by General

Griffin, the military commander of Texas. In 1872 he was elected from the State at large to the Forty-third congress and served his full term, but declined a reelection because he wished to devote himself to the law. Resuming practice, he was actively and exclusively engaged in it till 1882, when, having been made the nominee of the democratic party for chief justice of the supreme court of Texas, he was elected to that office and held the same until his resignation, March 3, 1888.

After that time he held no public position, but gave his time and attention wholly to the practice of his profession. For a period of forty-five years Judge Willie had to do, in various capacities, more or less actively, with the legislative and judicial history of Texas, upon which he left the imprint of his talents and character in a marked degree. He always enjoyed a wide personal popularity, both with the people and the members of the bar, as was evidenced by the votes received by him and the experience of the esteem tendered through resolutions and the newspapers whenever his name was suggested for positions of public trust.

The vote cast for him for chief justice in 1882 gave him the largest majority which, up to that time, had ever been received by any candidate in Texas, his vote being 100,000 out of 200,000 cast for that office.

It was a source of surprise and much regret to the people throughout the State when Judge Willie resigned his place as chief justice, but it was a step forced on him by the inadequacy of the salary, as was stated by him to the then governor in the letter accompanying his letter of resignation.

Judge Willie at all times since taking up his residence in Galveston manifested an abiding faith in the future of the city and lent his aid on all proper occasions to do everything possible to promote its growth and welfare. In March, 1874, while in conference with the members of the legislative body, he was one of the ablest and most convincing arguments in behalf of an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor during that session of congress on a commercial matter. It was, however, as a lawyer and a member of the State judiciary that Judge Willie was best known, and as such that he achieved the most solid results. His chosen profession was the ambition of his life and he pursued his arduous duties with the enthusiasm of youth.

In politics Judge Willie was always a democrat. He voted for secession, but when the war was over he accepted the result in good faith and afterwards gave his support to all those measures of a practical nature looking to the rehabilitation of Texas.

At Marshall, Texas, on October 26, 1850, Judge Willie married Miss Bettie Johnson, a native of Bolivar, Tenn., and a daughter of Lytleston and Mary C. Johnson, the former of whom died when his daughter, Bettie, was an infant, the mother being subsequently married to William C. Harper of Brandon, Miss. Judge Willie and his wife had ten children born to them, five of whom are still living, namely: Miss May Willie, Mr. Asa H. Willie, Jr., Mr. Charles C. Willie, Mr. Walter C. Willie, all of Galveston, and Mrs. T. J. Womack of Galveston.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

Senate and House Express Regret at Judge Willie's Death.

Austin, Texas, March 16.—The following resolution, introduced by Senator Linn, was adopted this morning:

Whereas the tidings of the death of Hon. Asa H. Willie has just reached us through the press of the State, and Whereas, His public service and private character are worthy of all respect; therefore be it

Resolved by the senate of the State of Texas, Doth in this manner place on record the sense of the senate in respect to the public and private character of Hon. Asa Hoxie Willie, and of its profound sorrow caused by the tidings of his death. Whether as a soldier in the army of the South, an associated justice of the supreme court of Texas, a member of congress of the United States, chief justice of the supreme court of Texas, a practitioner at the bar, or citizen in the walks of private life, he was ever the same gracious, kindly gentleman, lovable and beloved, of integrity the most exalted and a character without blemish or reproach.

In every public station he served his people with rare ability and untiring industry, and dying leaves to his State and to his family the rich heritage of an honorable name and the memory of a pure, lofty and gentle life.

The sympathy of this senate is hereby tendered to his family, and it is directed that a duly authenticated copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family under the hand of the president of the senate.

On motion of Senator Green the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Austin, Texas, March 16.—The following resolution was adopted in the house this morning:

The house of representatives of the State of Texas doth in this manner place on record the evidence of its respect for the public and private character of Hon. Asa Hoxie Willie, and of its profound sorrow caused by the tidings of his death.

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You see just how they look finished and every garment is fitted to your form in a twinkling almost, and you emerge from our store fashionably and properly clad with a saving of fully one-half your tailor's price. And where your tailor can show you one pattern we will show you so, at any price you choose to pay.

Men's Foot Form Shoes. Many

KIAM'S CLOTHING BUSINESS

DAILY Endeavor, Constant Effort to outdo ourselves. Today merchandise

plums hang all over this store, ripe and ready; values that argue for the house; prices that argue for you to come; no guesswork in the fitting or making of Clothing; one price to you, the same to your neighbor—printed prices on everything.

OUR ABILITY to buy and sell big lots of merchandise cheap, was never more forcibly illustrated than in this sale, which enables us to offer unrestricted choice of Men's Suits in 14 patterns of strictly all fine Woolen materials.

They are ready to wear and sure to fit at a moment's notice, and are the equals in appearance and general serviceability of clothes which are made to measure and which will cost from two to